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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the honour to transmit to you the communiqué of the Government of Angola, to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Afonso VAN DUNEM "MBINDA"
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Communiqué dated 20 December 1993 from the Government of Angola addressed to the President of the Security Council

As Your Excellency is aware, UNITA has been keeping the Lusaka II talks at a standstill for the last few days, thus unequivocally demonstrating its unwillingness and bad faith in the search for a peaceful settlement of the post-election conflict in Angola, created by UNITA.

In fact, after the encouraging results obtained with regard to the military questions with only the political questions remaining to be solved, for a full conclusion of the talks, UNITA, incurring absurd pretexts, based on a situation for which it is solely responsible, has refused to appear for the negotiation sessions.

Therefore, we are hereby vehemently denouncing this bad-faith UNITA posture and, at the same time, call upon Your Excellency, so that vigorous measures can be taken to compel UNITA to return to the negotiating table forthwith and, without further pretexts, to the Lusaka II talks.

The Angolan Government, in spite of UNITA's manoeuvres, whose goal is to delay a two-way peaceful settlement of the conflict, therefore perpetuating the suffering of the Angolan people, states once again its total readiness to continue with the dialogue in Lusaka, without any interruption, until its conclusion.